

"Celebration of Life"

Colette Laverne Lethridge-Johnson

Sunrise
June 22, 1955

Sunset
June 27, 2013



Wednesday, July 10, 2013~ 11:00am

Wilson & Kratzer-Civic Center Chapel
455 24th Street
Richmond, California

Officiating
Elder Samuel Butler
Love Fellowship COGIC, Alameda, CA



In Remembrance



Colette Laverne (Lethridge) Johnson was born on June 22, 1955 to the proud parents of Richard and Annie Bell Lethridge, both preceding her in death. Also preceding her in death was her son, Travolas Johnson, sisters, Opal Norris, Margaret Rose Tasali, and Lillian Strothers.

Colette received her formal education in the Richmond public school system. She was employed with the Greater Richmond Childcare Center for a number of years and also as a typist with various law firms.

Colette received Christ at an early age, and as a youth she participated in all of the youth programs at McGlothen Temple COGIC.

Colette married Stephen Johnson and together they had four children.

Colette was very grateful to her sister Lola Cormier who stepped in when they lost their mother to nurture her through her educational process, guided and mentored her through her adolescent years.

Colette was an avid movie fan. She enjoyed going to the movie theater and seeing movies on the big screen. She also collected many VHS and DVD movies. Colette's favorite movie genre was old western's (all of it). Colette also loved reading, specifically Stephen King books. She also LOVED to eat. Her favorite place to eat was McDonalds ordering a quarter pounder with cheese and coke cola. Most of all,

Colette enjoyed being with her family. She hardly ever missed family birthdays, baby showers, the Easter celebrations and family reunions.

Colette leave to honor her memory, her husband Stephen Johnson of El Cerrito, CA; daughters Stephanye Johnson of Chicago, Illinois; Stephonae Johnson of Richmond, CA; and Da'matha Johnson of Chico, CA; seven sisters, Elizabeth Hampton and Debra Ashley (Felix) of Richmond, CA; Emma Chauhan of Anitoch, CA; Shirley Waters (Stanley) of Oakland, CA; Lola Cormier (Ronald) of Sacramento, CA; Sheila Wesley of Fairfield, CA; and Eleanor Neal (Leonard) of San Pablo, CA; two brothers, Willie Dillard (Choyce) of Carson, CA; and Richard Lethridge III (Sumedha) of Las Vegas, NV; a long time friend Goldie; 43 nieces and nephews, 68 great nieces and nephews; and a host of other family members and friends.

Order Of Celebration



Musical Prelude	Maurice Mouton
Processional	Clergy, and Family
Prayer	Joseph Bassett
Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament	Min. Stephen Hodge Evang. Janice Cannon
Musical Selection	Pamela Black
Special Expressions	(Daughter) Stephonae Johnson (Sister) Shirley Waters
Expressions (2 minutes please)	Family and Friends
Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences	Ericka Sexton
Obituary	Tiffani Neal
Musical Selection	Raven Mouton & London Lagree
Eulogy	Senior Administrative Assistant Elder John A. Jennings McGothen Temple COGIG
Parting Viewing	Wilson & Kratzer
Recessional	Clergy, Family and Friends

"May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other"

Gen 31:49



A Beloved Mother



MOM,

I thank God that He birth my sister's and I out of you. Even though we did not see eye to eye on things, He gave us you. As I write this post with tears streaming down my face, **MOTHER** I LOVE you and I will never forget the gifts, talents, training you laid out before my sisters and I that made us become the women we are today. I will deeply miss seeing you, talking to you and knowing the comfort of your presence.

With Love,
Nye-Nye
your big girl





A Beloved Mother



Dear Diary,

This has been the longest three weeks that I have been away from my Mom. Last conversation I had with my Mom was at Bently's birthday party. I had a good time, I felt like a little kid again.

June 27th 2013, I received the worst phone call of my life. Damatha hadn't heard from Mom, so I knew something was wrong. Every year Mom made sure she called Damatha on her birthday.

I rushed to get to my Mom on the bus. Sean came with me. God sent me a little angel to protect me that day. I am happy that Sean was able to visit her for the first time.

I believe that God is trying to tell me to grow up and be on my own. My Mother was the perfect mom. Who can I go to when I need advice concerning men and life in general. No one can ever take her place.

I love my Mother. I know she is in a better place in heaven with her Mom, Dad, three sisters and her baby boy Travolas.



Mother,

Look down on me everyday. I know that when the trees swing back and forth, its a whisper of your voice letting me know that I am doing okay.

Tell Auntie Rose, Auntie Faye, Auntie Opal and then tell them that I love them. I love you Mom so much. Dad, Nye, Damatha, and I love you so much mom.

I know in my heart that one day we all gonna be up there with you as a family again.
Much love.

Your baby twin daughter
Stephonaë Chene` Johnson



I love you Mom so much. I can't believe that you are gone. I miss you so much. I thank God that He blessed me to have nothing but precious memories of you Mom.

I love you mama.,

God has blessed me with such a beautiful mother. Mom, you were everything to me. I am going to miss you everyday Mom for real. I'm going to miss receiving your voice mails and hearing you say "Hello, this is your mother calling":) that always made me smile..

No one can ever take your place Mom, no one. As I look into the world, and see that life is still going on, I pray to God that He'll help me cope with living without you. I feel an inner peace that you are safe in Gods hands and I find it helpful for me to meditate on that to help keep me fighting and pressing on.

Mom, my heart feels so empty because you are gone but yet at peace because you are with our Heavenly Father. I'm going to miss going to your house and staying up all night watching scary movies and then waking up early and watching cowboy movies, black and white films, and family movies.

A Beloved Mother

Mom, you were the best mother ever. We had such a beautiful relationship and deep understanding of one another. I will miss calling you and venting to you. I know that all my secrets were safe with you mom.

Mom, you will always be in my heart forever. I will cherish all the moments we had together mom and nothing and no one will ever take that away from me. I'm so blessed for our relationship mama. I'm going to miss cuddling with you and messing with you every time you try to take a nap :) Above all, I'm going to miss you wave goodbye when I leave your place and you say "So Long". I'm glad to say that I have no regrets with you mom. All I can picture in my head is you waving goodbye but my heart is telling me that its not goodbye forever; its merely a farewell....until we meet again. So I am able to say So Long Mom, I love you. Kiss and Hug Trev for me. To my dearest mother, my best friend, my heart Colette.

From your baby girl, Damatha Chantel Johnson.

Precious Memories



Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Dillard, Sr.
Richard Lethridge, III
Felix Ashley

Stanley Waters
Ronald Comier
Leonard Neal

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full I've savored much,
Good times, good friends, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, he set me free*



"Im Free"

Expressions from the Lethridge Johnson Family

Words cannot express how much we thank you for all your expressions of sympathy and all the help provided to us during our time of bereavement.

Please continue to pray for us.

Internment

~Private ~

**Arrangements Entrusted to
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary
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**Repass: Immediately following service at
McGolthen Temple COGIC Dining Hall
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Richmond, California**

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